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SUBJECT:DEATH OF AMCIT ROBERT J. CONNELLY

TO: MRS. HELEN CONNELLY

23 PARK LANE ROAD

WEST ROXBURY, MASS.

DEEPLY REGRET TO CONFIRM TWA REPORT THAT YOUR HUSBAND,
ROBERT J. CONNELLY WHO WAS BORN ON JUNE 12, 1925 AT
WORCHESTER, MASS., DIED OF APPARENT HEART ATTACK AT
6:30PM ON FEBRUARY 19, 1976 WHILE WALKING IN BOIS DE
BOULOGNE PARK IN PARIS.

POLICE ADVISED US THAT YOUR HUSBAND HAD ARRIVED PARIS
FROM CAIRO ABOUT 4:00 PM AND REGISTERED WITH OTHER TWA
CREW MEMBERS (CAPTAIN ROBERT A. WALKER AND FLIGHT
OFFICER D. OPBAIN) AT HOTEL MERIDIEN, 81 BOULEVARD
GOUVION-ST. CYR PARIS 17E. HE THEN TOOK HIS CAMERA
AND WENT FOR WALK IN NEARBY PARK. HE COLLAPSED WHILE
WALKING. PASSERBY SAW HIM FALL AND CALLED POLICE
AMBULANCE. DOCTOR IN AMBULANCE ARRIVED ALMOST IMME-
DIATELY AND ATTEMPTED UNSUCCESSFULLY TO REVIVE YOUR
HUSBAND BY ARTIFICIAL RESPIRATION AND HEART MASSAGE.
HIS BODY IS NOW AT LOCAL MORGUE - INSTITUTE MEDICO LEG
LEGAL, 2 PLACE MAZAS 75012 PARIS.

FRENCH LAW REQUIRES AUTOPSY IN ALL CASES WHEN NON-
FRENCH CITIZEN DIES IN STREET. SO YOUR HUSBAND'S
BODY WILL PROBABLY NOT BE RELEASED FOR RETURN TO US
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BEFORE MARCH 1.

WE UNDERSTAND TWA HAS OFFERED TO ASSIST YOU WITH MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR DISPOSITION OF YOUR HUSBAND'S BODY. WE WILL WORK WITH TWA ON THIS OR, IF YOU WISH, EMBASSY CAN MAKE ARRANGEMENTS ITSELF. FOLLOWING ESTIMATES ARE PROVIDED FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND PLANNING: ESTIMATED COST BURIAL PARIS, FRANCE DOLLARS 700; CREMATION PARIS, DOLLARS 625; EMBALMING AND AIR SHIPMENT TO NEW YORK DOLLARS 2350; CREMATION AND AIR SHIPMENT TO NEW YORK DOLLARS 1000.

PLEASE TELEGRAPH INSTRUCTIONS PROMPTLY TO AMERICAN EMBASSY, PARIS, FRANCE. INCLUDE NAME DECEASED YOUR REPLY. STATE WHETHER REQUIRED FUNDS ARE BEING TELEGRAPHED. INCLUDE NAME AND ADDRESS OF FUNERAL HOME IN U.S., IF SHIPMENT DESIRED. SEPARATELY TELEGRAPH FUNDS THROUGH AMERICAN EXPRESS, U.S. TO AMERICAN EXPRESS, PARIS, FRANCE. MAKE FUNDS PAYABLE TO AMERICAN EMBASSY FOR CASE OF ROBERT J. CONNELLY. IF SHIPMENT DESIRED, YOU MAY PREFER HAVE YOUR LOCAL FUNERAL HOME MAKE ALL ARRANGEMENTS FOR YOU IN CONFORMANCE WITH THIS MESSAGE.

UPON RECEIPT REQUIRED FUNDS, YOUR INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE CARRIED OUT AS PROMPTLY AS CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT. ESTIMATE MINIMUM 10 DAYS REQUIRED FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF FUNDS TO COMPLETE LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS. AS SOON AS AVAILABLE, SHIPMENT DATA WILL BE TELEGRAPHED TO FUNERAL HOME YOU SELECT.

UPON COMPLETION ALL FORMALITIES, COPY OF A REPORT OF DEATH OF AMERICAN CITIZEN TO BE PREPARED BY EMBASSY WILL BE SENT TO YOU. PLEASE ACCEPT OUR SYMPATHY IN YOUR BEREAVEMENT.

AMERICAN EMBASSY
PARIS, FRANCE
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